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the conclusion that the appointment of a retired Judge of the High Court who had risen to the position of a High Court Judge from the rank of a Munsiff would be better for the enquiry in hand.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know why the opinion of the High Court, which is an expert body, was not accepted by the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government had before them the whole question of the agency to be appointed for enquiring law's delays. There were many recommendations. One of them was the recommendation of the High Court. Another was the opinion of this Council itself expressed at two Sessions. All these were considered and Government came to their own conclusion.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether it was the opinion of the Government that the recommendation of the High Court was wrong?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I never said that Government considered the opinion of the High Court to be wrong.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether any recommendation was made by the Legislative Council as to the composition of the Committee?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether this appointment of a retired Judge as the Law's Delays Commissioner is purely the result of consideration by the Government alone?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That can be seen in the G. O. itself.

Appointment of the Law's Delays Commissioner.

80. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the appointment of a Commissioner to enquire into law's delays in the Civil Courts of the State, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the question of appointing a committee to enquire into law's delays in Civil Courts of the State was referred to the High Court, and, if so, what was the recommendation of the High Court regarding the status of the officer to be deputed as the Chief Commissioner;

(*b*) the date of passing final orders by the Government on the proposal of appointing a committee for enquiring into law's delays in the Civil Courts of the State; and

(*c*) the date on which the Chief Commissioner was appointed?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). The member is referred to G. O. R. O. C. No. 2391/30/Judicial, dated the 3rd April 1930, published at pages 649 and 650 of the *Government Gazette*, dated the 8th April 1930, which contains the information required.

Appointment of women vaccinators in the Sanitary Department.

81. **MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any rule, written or grown out of general practice, that women vaccinators should not be appointed in the Sanitary Department; and

(*b*) if so, the reason for such a rule?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) In December 1923, the Government, accepting the view of the then Sanitary Commissioner, ordered that the appointment of female vaccinators in rural areas should be discouraged.

(*b*) Past experience has shown that female vaccinators cannot discharge the work satisfactorily in rural areas in view of the extensive area of the Vaccination Ranges.

MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA (*Nominated*): The answer to part (*b*) says:—

"Past experience has shown that female vaccinators cannot discharge their work satisfactorily in rural areas in view of the extensive areas of the Vaccination Ranges."

Do the records show that women were found *unfit*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. In fact there were four female vaccinators before in the Department. They were posted to rural areas. After studying their work, the Sanitary Commissioner reported that the arrangement was full of difficulties, both to the female vaccinators themselves and to the Government—to the female vaccinators in that they had to walk 6 to 10 miles from the headquarter stations where they might live to reach the places where they might be posted to vaccinate; and to the Government because the Sanitary Officer would have to take them to these stations for verification of cases vaccinated?

MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA (*Nominated*): That may entail difficulties to the female vaccinators. But did it entail difficulties for the department, so far as their work was concerned?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; it was also reported by the Sanitary Commissioner that their work was unsatisfactory. Within the course of one year some of them took maternity leave and other kinds of leave for months. They were not available for work for about two or three months.

MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA (*Nominated*): That applies to women in all departments.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is inevitable, but there is this fact that within the short period of a year, one or two of them were on leave for more than two or three months.

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